



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB2376

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Rep. Rita Mayfield

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new

Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to create the Lake County Elections Pilot Program. Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2027, the State Board of Elections shall designate the County Clerk of Lake County as the primary election authority for any elections in Lake County other than elections for State or federal office. Specifies the duties of the County Clerk of Lake County. Provides that, on or before December 31, 2036, the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the Lake County Board, shall submit a report to the General Assembly concerning specified information. Provides for rulemaking. Repeals the provision on January 1, 2037. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Section  
5 1A-70 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new)

7 Sec. 1A-70. Lake County Elections Pilot Program.

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall create the Lake  
9 County Elections Pilot Program. Beginning on January 1, 2027,  
10 the State Board of Elections shall designate the County Clerk  
11 of Lake County as the primary election authority for any  
12 elections in Lake County other than elections for State or  
13 federal office. For any election subject to the Pilot Program,  
14 the County Clerk of Lake County shall have the following  
15 duties:

16 (1) to distribute election documents, including, but  
17 not limited to, petition packets;

18 (2) to serve as a location for individuals to file  
19 election documents, including, but not limited to,  
20 nominating papers, petitions for nomination, objections to  
21 nominating papers, and certificates of withdrawal of  
22 candidacy; and

23 (3) to provide election information to the public as

1       requested.

2       On or before January 1, 2027, the Lake County Board shall  
3       adopt, by ordinance or resolution, any rules or policies  
4       necessary to effectuate this Section.

5       (b) On or before December 31, 2036, the State Board of  
6       Elections, in collaboration with the Lake County Board, shall  
7       submit a report to the General Assembly. The report shall  
8       include an analysis of the effectiveness of the Pilot Program  
9       and any recommendations, including whether similar policies  
10      should be adopted statewide.

11      (c) The State Board of Elections may adopt any rules  
12      necessary to implement this Section.

13      (d) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2037.

14           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15      becoming law.